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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Why is the Hon. Minister uncertain and uninformed of the whole position? As a responsible Minister of a State, is it not necessary that he should be fully informed of the whole position?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may admit that I am not so informed as the hon. Member about so many other things.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : On a point of order, Sir. My question is a simple and straightforward question and the question of my being informed about other matters does not arise or is the concern of this Minister. As the responsible Minister of a State he should inform the public about the whole position. If the Centre has conducted a survey, it is the duty of the Centre to inform as also the right of the State to find out the whole position and make the information available and not give the light-hearted answer that he is accustomed to.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : On a point of information. Sir. May I know what the Hon. Minister meant by saying that the hon. Member was better informed about so many subjects? On what subjects he is better informed?

MR. SPEAKER : I pass on to the next question.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reconnaisance work has been conducted on the Madras beach during the year 1955–56 to find out the availability of monazite deposits;

(*b*) if so, the results of the survey; and

(*c*) the steps taken for the excavation of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Improvement of orchards

* 48 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any financial assistance from the Centre during the year 1956 for the improvement of orchards; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether there is any proposal to start orchard centres?

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